A Forme of COMMON-PRAYER,

To be uſed upon the Solemne Faſt,

appointed by His *Majeſties* Proclamation upon the Fifth of *February*, being *VVedneſday*.

For a bleſſing on the *Treaty* now begun, that the end of it may be a happy *Peace* to the *King* and to all his *People*.

Set forth by His *Majeſties* ſpeciall Command, to be uſed in all Churches and Chappels.

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

Firſt the Miniſter ſhall ſay,

CORRECT us (O Lord) and yet in thy judgement, not in thy fury, leaſt we ſhould be conſumed, and brought to nothing.

Then ſhall follow the Exhortation.

DEarly beloved Brethren, the Scripture moveth us in ſundry places, to acknowledge and confeſſe our manifold ſinnes and wickedneſſe, and that we ſhould not diſſemble nor cloak them before the Face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confeſſe them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtaine forgiveneſſe of the ſame, by his infinite goodneſſe and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our ſinnes before God: yet ought we moſt chiefly ſo to doe, when at ſuch a time and occaſion as this is, we aſſemble and meet together, to caſt our ſelves downe at the throne of his heavenly Grace, and to poure out our humble ſupplications, for the averting of his heavie Judgements now upon us, the ceaſing of this preſent bloody and unnaturall War, and reſtoring a happy *Peace* in this Kingdome. Wherefore I pray and beſeech you, as many as be here preſent, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voyce, unto the Throne of the heavenly grace, ſaying after me.

The Confeſſion to be ſaid of the whole Congregation, kneeling.

ALmighty and moſt mercifull Father, we have erred and ſtrayed from thy wayes like loſt Sheep, we have followed too much the devices and deſires of our owne hearts, we have offended againſt thy holy lawes, we have left undone thoſe things which we ought to have done, And we have done thoſe things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miſerable offenders, Spare thou them, O God, which confeſſe their faults, Reſtore thou them that be penitent, according to thy promiſes declared unto mankind in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord; And grant, O moſt mercifull Father, for his ſake, that we may hereafter live a Godly, Righteous, and a Sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name, Amen.

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The Abſolution to be pronounced by the Prieſt alone.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which deſireth not the death of a ſinner, but rather that he may turne from his wickednesſe and live, and hath given power and commandement to his Miniſters, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the abſolution and remiſsion of their ſinnes: he pardoneth and abſolveth all them which truly repent, and unfainedly beleeve his holy Goſpel. Wherefore we beſeech him to grant us true repentance and his holy Spirit, that thoſe things may pleaſe him which we doe at this preſent, and that the reſt of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, ſo that at the laſt we may come to his eternall joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prieſt ſhall begin, and ſay,

OVr Father which art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our dayly bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſſe againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evill: for thine is the Kingdome, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prieſt.

O Lord open thou our lips.

Anſwer.

And our mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy prayſe.

Prieſt.

O God make ſpeed to ſave us.

Anſwer.

O Lord make haſt to help us.

Prieſt.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayſe ye the Lord.

In ſtead of the *Venite exultemus*, ſhall be us'd this Pſalme,

compoſed out of ſeverall paſſages in the Book of Pſalmes.

UNto thee will I crie, O Lord my ſtrength: thinke no ſcorne of me, leaſt if thou make as though thou heareſt not, I become like them that goe downe into the Pit. *Pſal.* 28. 1.

2. *Heare the voyce of my humble Petitions, when I crie unto thee: when I hold up my hands towards the Mercie-ſeat of thy holy Temple.*

Pſal.74. v.1. O God, wherefore art thou abſent from us ſo long: why is thy wrath ſo hot againſt the ſheep of thy paſture?

Pſal.79. 5. *Lord, how long wilt thou be angry: ſhall thy jealouſie burne like fire for ever?*

Pſal.77. 9. Hath God forgotten to be gracious: or will he ſhut up his loving kindneſſe in diſpleaſure?

Pſal.89. 48. *Lord, where are thy old loving kindneſſes: which thou ſwareſt unto David in thy truth?*

Pſal.74. 2. O think upon thy Congregation: whom thou haſt purchaſed, and redeemed of old.

3. *Thinke upon the tribe of thine Inheritance: and mount Sion, wherein thou haſt dwelt.*

Pſa.102. 13. Thou ſhalt ariſe and have mercie upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercie upon her, yea, the time is come.

14. *And why? thy ſervants thinke upon her ſtones: and it pitieth them to ſee her in the Duſt.*

Pſal.26. 1. Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my truſt hath been alſo in the Lord, therefore ſhall I not fall.

2. *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: trie out my reines, and my heart.*

Pſal.17. 2. Let my ſentence come forth from thy preſence: and let thine eyes looke upon the thing that is equall.

7. *Shew thy mervailous loving kindneſſe, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their truſt in thee: from ſuch as reſiſt thy right hand.*

Pſal.25. 5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving kindneſſe which hath been ever of old.

10. *For thy Names ſake, O Lord, be mercifull unto my ſin: for it is great.*

16. The ſorrowes of my Heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17. *Look upon mine adverſitie and miſerie: and forgive me all my ſinne.*

Pſal.65. 5. Thou ſhalt ſhew us wonderfull things in thy Righteouſneſſe, O God of our ſalvation: thou that art the Hope of all the ends of the Earth, and of them that remaine in the broad Sea.

7. *Which ſtilleth the raging of the Sea: and the noiſe of his waves, and the madneſſe of his people.*

Pſa.106. 4. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou beareſt unto thy people: O viſit me with thy ſalvation.

5. *That I may ſee the felicitie of thy choſen: and rejoyce in the gladneſſe of thy People, and give thanks with thine Inheritance.*

O let the ſorrowfull ſighing of the Priſoners come before thee: *Pſal.* 79.
according to the greatneſſe of thy Power preſerve thou thoſe that are 11.
appointed to die.

Comfort us againe now after the time that thou haſt plagued us: and *Pſal.* 90.
for the yeares wherein we have ſuffered adverſitie. 15.

The fierceneſſe of man ſhall turne to thy prayſe: and the fierce- *Pſal.* 76.
neſſe of them ſhalt thou refraine. 10.

For God will ſave Sion, and build the Cities of Juda: that men may *Pſal.* 69.
dwell there, and have it in poſſeſſion. 36.

O tarry thou the Lords leiſure: be ſtrong, and he ſhall comfort *Pſal.* 27.
thine heart, and put thou thy truſt in the Lord. 16.

And the glorious Majeſtie of the Lord our God be upon us: Proſper *Pſal.* 90.
thou the work of our hands upon us, O proſper thou our handy-work. 17.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Pſalmes for Morning and Evening Prayer.

For Morning.		*For the Evening.*	
Pſalmes	42.	Pſalmes	77.
	46.		80.
	61.		85.
	80.		126.
	122.		132.
			133.

The firſt Leſſon for Morning Prayer, *Iſay* 51. from the 9. verſe to the end of the Chapter.

Te Deum laudamus.

For the ſecond Leſſon, *Rom.* 12. from the beginning of the 9. verſe to the end of the Chapter.

Benedictus.

The firſt Leſſon for Evening Prayer, *Iſa.* 54.

Magnificat. Luke 1.

The ſecond Leſſon, 1 *Epiſt. John.* c. 4.

Nunc dimittis. Luk. 2. 29.

The reſt to goe on as it is in the former Faſt-Book, with the addition of ſome prayers.

The Epiſtle, *Heb.*12. from the middle of the fift verſe, *My Son*,&c. to the end of the 15.verſe.

The Goſpel, *Mat.*5. from the firſt verſe to the end of the 12. verſe.

A Prayer drawn by His Maieſties *ſpeciall Direction and Dictate.*

O Moſt merciffull Father, Lord God of Peace and Truth, wee a People ſorely afflicted by the Scourge of an unnaturall War,do here earneſtly beſeech Thee, to command a Bleſſing from Heaven upon this preſent Treaty, begun for the eſtabliſhment of an happy Peace. Soften the moſt obdurate Hearts with a true Chriſtian deſire of ſaving thoſe mens blood,for whom Chriſt himſelfe hath ſhed His. Or if the guilt of our great ſinnes cauſe this Treaty to break off in vaine, Lord let the Truth clearly appeare,who thoſe men are, which under pretence of the publick good doe purſue their owne private ends, that this people may be no longer ſo blindly miſerable,as not to ſee,at leaſt in this their Day, the things that belong unto their Peace. Grant this gracious God, for his ſake who is our Peace it ſelfe, even Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Peace.

ALmighty God, terrible in thy *Iudgements*, but more wonderfull in thy *Mercies*, who turneſt man to *Deſtruction*, and againe, thou ſaiſt, *Come* againe ye children of Men; wee miſerable ſinners proſtrate this day before thee, humbly confeſſe with *Horror* in our *Hearts*, and *Confuſion* in our *Faces*, that every one of us hath, more or leſſe, contributed to that vaſt heap of crying ſins,which hath now in ſo high a meaſure drawne down thy vengeance on us, that we have abuſed thy *Patience* ſo long, till wee have at laſt turned it into *Fury*, compelling thee, by our often provocations to viſit us in blood, to make us teare out our own bowels, and by a ſtrange unnaturall War, rayſed we know not why, (thy *Iuſtice* and our *Sinnes* excepted) to become executioners of our ſelves,and ſo to ſinne afreſh in the very puniſhments of ſinne. But alas! what profit is there in our *Blood*? or what *Glory* can come to thee by our *Ruine*? Let it ſuffice, O God,that thou haſt thus farre rebuked us in thine *Anger*, but *conſume* us not utterly, for we are all thy people. Say to the deſtroying *Sword*,

Sword, It is enough, and let it be no longer *drunke* with the blood of thine *Inheritance:* But looke downe upon our unfained *Humiliation*, hear the *Prayer* which in the bitternesse of our soules we poure out this day before thee, accept of our *Repentance*, and wher it is defective, let thy *Holy Spirit* make it up with *Groans* that cannot be expressed. Look upon thy *Moses* who standeth in the gap, beseeching thee to turne thine anger from thy people; remember what hee hath *suffered*, and the *heavy things* that thou hast shewen him; and in the day, when thou makest *Inquisition for Blood*, forget not his *desires of Peace*, the *endeavours* which he hath used and the *Prayers* which hee hath made to Thee for it. Returne all this, *O* Lord, with *comfort* into his *Bosom*. And since thou hast already wrought so much for him, as to bring these unhappy entangled differences to a *Treaty*, take not off thine *Hand*, till thou hast *untyed* every *knot*, and *cleared* every *difficulty*. Send *thy Spirit* into their Hearts who are entrusted with this *great worke*, give them *Bowels of compassion*, toward their *bleeding, and expiring Countrey*, strike a *Sense* into them of the Blood *already* shed, and the *Desolation* to come, which threatneth all if they prevent it not. But above all, let *thy Feare* run through all their *consultations*, that remembring the *sad account*, which in the last *great day* will be required of them, they may lay aside *every Sin*, and *every Interest* that may divert them from *the wayes of Peace*, and by the guidance of *thy VViſedome* (for in this all humane wisedome fails) find out those *blessed Expedients* as may restore the voyce of Ioy and Peace into our Dwellings, in such a way, as may be most to the *Glory* of thy *Great Name*, the settlement of the *true Religion* so long professed among us, the *Honour* and *Safety* of the *Kings sacred Person*, and the *Good* of *all His people*. Heare these our prayers, and perfect this great work, through the mediation of thine own dear Son Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer.

O Most just and powerfull Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth, we cannot but acknowledge that the manifold miseries which have befallen us are the due reward of our deeds, and that wee have deserved that the things which belong to our peace should still be hid from our eyes. For when of thy owne free mercy thou wert pleased to grant us a long time of plenty and prosperity, more than thou gavest to any of the Nations that are about us, wee became weary of our happinesse, and by our ingratitude pulled upon us those judgements which now threaten desolation to this

this late flouriſhing Kingdome. And ſince the time of our affliction thou haſt given us ſpace to repent, and we repented not, Iniquity hath ſtill more and more abounded. As heretofore thy mercies did not allure us, ſo now thy judgments have not humbled us to a ſerious conſideration of our miſdeſervings. Now, O Lord, we find our ſelves intangled and wearied by our own counſels: The troubles of our heart are inlarged; Our iniquities, and the puniſhments which attend upon them, are a burden too heavy for us to beare. And therefore in the anguiſh and bitterneſſe of our ſoules we returne unto thee, humbly beſeeching thee, in whom alone is our help, to have reſpect unto the prayers of thy ſervants. O ſhut not up thy loving kindneſſe in diſpleaſure, let not thine anger burn againſt the ſheep of thy paſture: But bind up the breach of this people. Let the ſighing of the priſoners come before thee; Behold the tears of the diſtreſſed Orphans and widows, and of all ſuch as are oppreſſed, and have no comforter. How long, O Lord, holy and true, doeſt thou forbeare to command deliverances? Remember thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and ſave us as thou haſt done heretofore. Remember thy promiſe of deliverance to thoſe who call upon thee in the day of trouble. And when the blood that hath been ſhed by oppreſſion cals aloud for vengeance, O then hearken unto the voice of thy Sons blood, which ſpeaks better things; behold the Lambe of God, who was wounded for our tranſgreſſions, and bruiſed for our iniquities. And to this end regard the ſincerity of thine Anointed, maintaine thy owne cauſe, and preſerve unto him that power which thou haſt given him: bind his ſoule in the bundle of life, let mercy and truth preſerve him, and let his Throne be eſtabliſhed for ever before thee. Bleſſe them that are peaceable and faithfull in the land: And as for thoſe that have riſen up againſt him, we beſeech thee melt and mollifie their hearts to the entertainment of compaſſion and love: reclaime them to obedience, lay not their ſin to their charge, but guide their feet into the way of peace. Give to thoſe that have done wrong the grace to repent, and to thoſe that have ſuffered wrong, minds ready to forgive. And if any ſhall be averſe from peace, O thou that art the wonderfull Counſellor, turne their wiſdome into fooliſhneſſe, confound their practiſes, and let their miſchief return upon their own heads. And when thou haſt vouchſafed to give us that tranquillitie which we beg at thy hands, give us grace to embrace it with all thankfulneſſe, to obey our Governours, to live at unitie among our ſelves, evermore bleſſing thy glorious Name, which is exalted above all bleſſing and praiſe, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

FINIS.